SUNSET HOMEMAKERS-The After Sunset Homemaker Club was among Extension Homemakers who participated in a picnic and tour of Lakeshore Technical Institute, Cleveland, to learn about the courses offered there for themselves and their families. Club members seated from left are: Mildred Schmidt, Barbara Van Ess, Elsie Krajnik, Carol Jindra and Carol Ronning, and in back, Jeanette Heyroth, Marion Wojta and Peggy Karman. Karman, Krajnik and Van Ess are three new members who recently joined the club which has been in existence in the Mishicot area for almost 30 years.

Mainstream

Extension Homemakers inviting new members

The week of Aug. 17-24 has been designated "Extension Homemaker Week." During the week special emphasis is put on gaining new members to the organization.

By joining one of the Extension Homemaker clubs or by starting a new club, women are linked with lessons taught through the Manitowoc County Extension Office, according to Marion Wojta of Lakeview Club.

Leaders from each club attend center programs presented at local club monthly meetings usually in members' homes, Wojta explained.

This past year, 63 Manitowoc County clubs with 847 members received lessons on tact, buying, dealing with fraud, making decisions, and were taught to make dumplings.

Clubs do not meet during the summer months due to the County Fair, garden work and canning. In September and October lessons will deal with understanding county government and county government service. Clubs will study the merits of cranberries in November.

In addition to the eight basic lessons there are special interest meetings conducted by various committees. These have included craft fairs, lectures on cancer, hospice information, demonstrations on farm and home safety, making mittens, personal care, and refunding.

There also are county spring and fall council meetings to which all club members are invited. These larger group meetings give homemaker members a chance to meet others and share ideas. This fall's council meeting will feature Tom Jadin, a renowned speaker on stress.

All members have a voice in lessons selected. During meetings members share hints and methods about child care, food preparation and home maintenance.

A varied age group is helpful to a successful club, Wojta said. Many of the clubs have been in existence in Manitowoc County for 50 years, she said. "The wisdom of the old and enthusiasm of the young blend to make it the best support group of friends in your neighborhood," Wojta added.

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